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SUBJECT: LAO COMMUNISTS FORM LABOR UNION

1. THE LAO PEOPLE'S REVOLUTAIONARY PARTY NEWSPAPER "SIENG PASASON" (VOICE OF THE PEOPLE) REPORTED ON NOVEMBER 3 THAT WHAT IT DESCRIBED AS THE FIRST LABOR UNION IN VIENTIANE HAD BEEN FORMED AT THE BRASSERIE ET GLACIERE DU LAOS. A MR. CHAMPHENG, OF THE VIENTIANE LABOR UNION ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, GAVE A SPEECH TO WELCOME THE 40 NEW MEMBERS IN WHICH HE SAID THE UNION WOULD BE A FORCE FOR THE WORKERS' INTERESTS AND THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY.

2. COMMENT: "SIENG PASASON'S" CHARACTERIZATION OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION AS THE FIRST LABOR UNION FORMED IN VIENTIANE MUST HAVE COM AS SOMEWHAT OF A SHOCK TO SISAVANG CHANTHEPHA, JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL MEMBER AND PRESIDENT OF THE LAO FEDERATION OF LABOR,  
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WHO MAY HAVE BEEN LABORING UNDER THE MISAPREHENSION

THAT HE HAD FORMED THE FIRST LABOR UNION IN VIENTIANE  
WHEN HE AND OTHER LEFT LEANING NEUTRALISTS ORGANIZED  
THE LFL IN 1974.  
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